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REMARKS

This is a response to an Office Action dated October 20, 2004.

Restriction Requirement

It is respectfully submitted that the Restriction Requirement is overcome because Claims 26-31 have been amended such that the support elements are “wedge shaped” and therefore fall into Class I. Therefore it is submitted that Claims 26-31 are in condition for allowance.

Objection to Drawings

Claims 13, 43 and 55 have been cancelled. Therefore the objection to the drawings is overcome.

Objection to the Disclosure

The disclosure was objected to with respect to the description of Figure 3 at pages 5 and 6. However, it is submitted that embodiments being described are alternatives to one another (see page 5, line 25). Accordingly, it is submitted that both of back end configurations do not need to be existent simultaneously and withdrawal of this objection is respectfully requested.

Objections to Claims 8 and 12

Claims 8 and 12 have been amended to overcome the informalities. The rejection of the declaration is hereby traversed; however, in order to expedite prosecution, the case has been placed in condition for allowance.

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance. Furthermore, any remarks in support of patentability of one claim should not be imputed to any other claim, even if similar terminology is used. Any remarks referring to only a portion of a claim should not be understood to base patentability on that portion; rather, patentability must rest on each claim taken as a whole. Applicant respectfully traverses each of the Examiner's rejections and each of the Examiner's assertions regarding what the prior art shows or teaches, even if not expressly discussed herein. Although changes to the claims have been made, no acquiescence or estoppel is or should be implied thereby; such amendments are made only to expedite prosecution of the present application and are without prejudice to the presentation or assertion, in the future, of claims relating to the same or similar subject matter.

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